

# Smart Words for Smart Homeowners

THE EXPERIENCE OF EXPERTS AND THEIR ADVICE ON RELEVANT HOMEOWNER TOPICS

## Wire Closet Shelving And Organization Systems

### Overview

The advantages of Wire Shelving Systems are many:

- 1) **COST:** They are very affordable and the least expense of all systems to install. They can declutter your closets once and for all.
- 2) **VERSATILE:** Wire Shelving Systems are the most adaptable of all systems. They can be repositioned and reorganized quickly as the needs of the closet change. This is especially true in children's rooms. A nine year old girl has very different needs than a 15 year old movie star. Re-configuration of most are fast and easy if they were set up correctly.



- 3) **TOUGH:** They are very strong when good systems are installed properly. Don't buy cheap because you'll pay the price later.
- 4) **UNCOMPLICATED:** They are easy to design. A piece of plain paper and a ruler

can get you most of the way for simple closets. For more complex openings, many brands and retailers have online design tools. They can guide you as you determine the best parts. Just remember to keep it simple. The more complex you make it the more time it will take to install and the less versatility you'll have when changes are needed.



- 5) **ADD-ONS:** There are many available attachment and accessories. They can add convenience and help amplify and augment your needs. There are many styles of baskets, shoe racks, pull-out bins, stationary bins and rolling drawers. One caution: you must stay with the same manufacturer or the accessories will not fit.

## Preparing Your Closet

- ✓ Empty the closet. Remove clothes from the closet and put them all in another room.

Remove the doors.

- ✓ Remove all existing shelving.

- ✓ Patch, spackle all the holes and imperfections. Sand the patched areas flat. Most repairs will require two layers of spackle with curing time in between each layer.

- ✓ Seal open seams in closet with the best caulking. We use Phenoseal®. Prime the patch work.

- ✓ Paint interior with Gloss, Bright White, (NOT flat) paint. Now you're ready to mount the wire system.



## Utility Closet Organization

A utility closet might be one of the more industrial spaces in the home that needs organization. It's easy to write off a utility closet as a space for tossing everything you use to keep your otherwise organized house in order. Adding a few containers to sit on the shelves will help to organize most items.

## Broom Closet Arrangement

Of course, while a broom closet is typically home to the household vacuum cleaner, cleaning products and dusting rags, it's still a closet that craves organization. Consider

hanging hooks on the wall for keeping cleaning tools, like a broom, mop, dust pan or bucket. Get some of it off the floor to make room for larger items, like a vacuum cleaner or step stool.

## Pantry

This is the best place for organization because you can change the height of each wire shelf to make the space accommodate the changing needs of the food preparation manager. We doubled the available space in our pantry.



## Laundry Areas

This is an area that can be given more useable room and more storage space than most others.

Consider

how a hanging bar for clothes that are fresh from the dryer could make life easier.

Consider off the ground storage for all those laundry needs would reduce the burden of laundry tasks?



## Walk-In Closets

Walk-Ins offer more depth and space than a traditional reach-in closet. Walk-ins are usually found in a master bedroom or a suites. Walk-ins are loved for their versatility and storage opportunities. But while extra space for a dressing area or vanity comes in handy, you still need to give careful consideration to your design. Consider using the top shelves for seasonal storage. Use a “ready reach zone” to maximize storage for often used. Keep shoes visible and accessible. Create a good balance between hanging rods and shelves.

## Reach-In Closet

Usually anywhere from 3’ to 9’ wide and a depth of 24” to 32”. Reach-ins are commonly found in hallways, kids’ rooms and bedrooms of older homes.

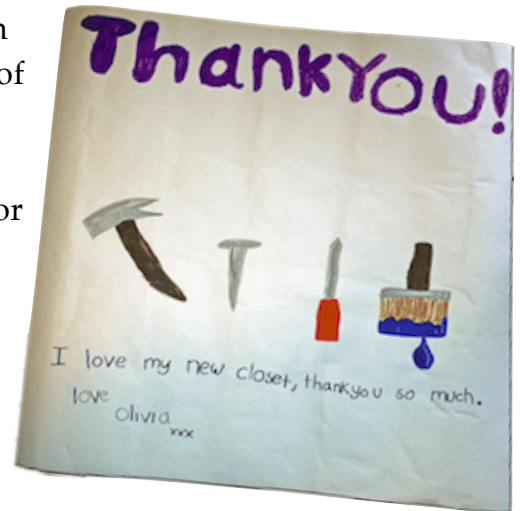


These closets are found with a single rod for hanging clothes under a wood shelf. But these days a wide variety of products allow you to create a more efficient space with many shelving and hanging possibilities.

## Garden Work Shed

Here’s an opportunity to get seed and fertilizer off the ground and on shelves. Then there are shovels, rakes, spades, brooms that need safe

storage when they are out of season. You should make more room for hand tools and power tools and keep them at easy reach.



## Garage

Look at the items in your garage that should be stored away and out of the way. Sporting goods like balls, bats, ice skates, shoes, roller blades, sleeping bags, bicycles, nets. Car detailing items like rags, pails, waxes, sprays should be in one handy location. There’s a host of “under foot” items that would be better off either hanging from or sitting on slide out shelves. You’ll be amazed at the space you’ll free up!



We install Wire Shelving Systems.

